

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, lines 7-24, and page 8, lines 1-9 and replace with the following amended paragraph.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Referring to the Drawings, Figs. 1, 2 and 3 describe frontal or putterface elevational, side elevational and plan views, respectively, of one embodiment of the present invention in which the centerline forward extending hosel 1 protrudes forward, generally horizontally, from the putterface 2 at an elevation above the putter soleplane equal to or greater than the diameter of a golf ball (1.68 inches or 42.7 mm) thus avoiding interference or contact with said ball when a ball is being struck by said putter. In this embodiment the forward hosel extension 1, protrudes forward from the face a distance approximately equal to a golf ball. The lateral 3 and upward 4 hosel sections are so arranged that the putter shaft 5 does not obscure any portion of a golf ball 6 when viewed from above (Fig. 3). Alternatively, hosel sections 3 and 4 may be replaced by a bent lower shaft section (not shown). The sight line 11 on the top surface of the forward ~~protruding hosel~~ extending section 1, the "hosel forward extending sight line", and the "rearward extending sight line" 10 on the top of the rearward extension 7, ~~of same 7, "rearward extending sight line" or "rearward sight line", together~~ provide a longer sight line than would otherwise be possible without ~~use~~ addition of said forward ~~hosel extension extending section 1 as part of said~~ with said forward extending sight

line, 11. ~~6~~Said rearward extension 7 does not function as a hosel (shaft to clubhead connection), but provides or supports a said rearward extending sight line 10, and may help support the faceplate 2 and forward extending hosel section 1 through (not shown) or above it (shown), or the sole 8. In this embodiment, the distance between the sole plane of the putterhead 8 and the straight shaft connection point 9 is equal to or slightly less than 5 inches or 12.7 mm as currently required under The USGA Rules of Golf. The end of said upward hosel section 4 is fitted with a stop surface 9 and a slip over protrusion 44 or rod 30 (shown) or socket (not shown) for receiving and attaching via adhesive or other means, a puttershaft 5. That portion of the putterhead with said rearward ~~sight line~~ extension 7 with rearward sight line 10 on top, protruding rearward from the putterface 2 has a length equal to or slightly less than the horizontal width of said putterhead 2. The horizontal plane upper surface 11 and 10 of both said forward extending section 1 and rearward ~~7-sight line~~ extensions 7 are preferably of one color or finish (shown), contrasting with any adjacent putterhead portions visible to a golfer from above, or have a black or dark line (not shown) centered on said surface 10.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines 10-21, and replace with the following amended paragraph.

Figs. 4, 5, and 6 show a preferred embodiment of the present invention where the forward ~~hosel~~ extending section 12 extends approximately 1/2 golf ball diameter

forward of the putterface 2. The lateral hosel section 13 is longer and may be of thinner section than in the prior embodiment (3 in Figs. 1, 2 and 3). This makes this section 13 and the lower shaft 5 over hosel protrusion 30 less visible when viewed by a golfer from above (Figs. 3 and 6). To further reduce the shaft connecting hosel section visibility and any related sighting distraction, that portion of the lateral hosel section 3 or 13 or bent lower shaft lying over a golf ball (which ball 6 is touching or near the putterface 2 at or near the intended strikepoint 15) can be painted or finished white or light in color to take such hosel section 3 or 13 out of optical view and blend with the ball below it. To further enhance the sight picture when viewed by a golfer from above, the first several inches of the golf shaft 5 near the hosel and now directly over the ball can be painted or finished dull green or other dark non-glossy color.